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# Liar's Holiday

*by Thomas Struska*

Charles always knew  
the least line  
    of bullshit  
was the truth  
        most times  
a lie-lined ride  
down dead avenue  
darkened streetcorner  
                silhouettes

I found you  
in silk stream silence  
a breath upon the screen  
a light upon a grim  
gray against the night  
a moon rising  
with darkened circles  
beneath it's eyes  
the smiling face  
showing strain  
waiting for an opening  
    a pause  
in the otherwise  
misinformed channels  
bleating through speakers

a long chalk  
for anyone unprepared

for the idiot's seige

Crosstown  
a foul wind  
carries from the south  
down near the refineries  
smokestack oil flame  
from the passenger side  
of double nickel  
a throwback to 66  
dirt industrial pickings  
ripe for the plucking

the least line  
    of bullshit  
is the closest  
    most ways  
wheels spinning  
old rubber asphalt  
a leap of faith  
    on the hard edge  
back where it all began.